tion and not to depend on the Northern grid;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to set up more Super Thermal Power Stations in the capital to ease the power situation;

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what other measures Government propose to take to meet power shortage in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. The power requirements of Delhi are met from its own generating plants at Indraprastha Thermal Power Station and Gas Turbine Stations, generation from Badarpur Thermal Power Station and assistance from the Northern Grid.

In order to augment the supply of electricity in Delhi, steps have been taken to improve the performance of IP and Badarpur Thermal Power Stations, strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System in Delhi, establishment of 135 MW capacity at Rajghat TPS. In addition, the National Capital Power Project (840 MW) is also being set up to meet the long term power requirement of Delhi. A 600 MW Gas based project at Dadri is also envisaged.

Financial condition of State Electricity Boards

1995. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has urged upon the States to take steps for improving the financial conditions of their electricity boards;

(b) whether the accumulated losses on SEBs had now piled upto over Rs.1300 crore;

(c) if so, whether any new guidelines have been issued by the Central Government so that SEBs could function in an efficient manner; and

(d) what are the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to help SEBs in bringing down the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are:-

(i) Directions have been issued to State Electricity Boards for capitalisation of interest during construction (IDC), as provided in the Electricity (Supply) Annual Accounts Rules, 1985.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to provide equity support to State Electricity Boards to make them financially viable.

(iii) State Governments are being advised to release rural electrification subsidies to SEBs regularly and adequately

(iv) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Renovation and Modernisation of thermal power stations has been introduced.

(v) Theft of power has been made a cognizable offence with stringent punishment for the commitment as well as abetment of the offence.

(vi) Introduction of an Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

(vii) Training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

(viii) Provision of equity support by State Governments.